

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 29 April to 23 May 1952

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

16 June 1952

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REFERENCES

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SOURCE

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1. Source observed that no changes occurred at Oranienburg airfield during the period from 29 April to 5 May.

2. On 14 May, no air activity was conducted at the field. The guardhouse was occupied by patrols. After 10 May, the landing field was released as pasture land for the farmers in the vicinity.

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3. There was very little activity in the restricted Weisse Stadt Settlement. The sentry posts were still occupied. The large garages were empty.

4. Until 17 May, a rear detail of the air force construction unit including a lieutenant colonel, supply officer Major Egoryev (fnu), a medical officer and a major of the staff, was quartered in Weisse Stadt. * This rear detail, under the command of a lieutenant colonel, numbered from 80 to 100 men. The EM were employed as guards and otherwise drilled. Two trucks were assigned to the detail.

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5. Source learned from an electrician that the dependents of air force officers had been transferred in early May 1952. **

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6. Ambulance were observed at the field.

7. On 8 May, the field was unoccupied except for a sentry who was observed at the northwestern entrance to the field. As the fence along the former farmstead of Annahof Estate was removed, the field could be entered from that side. The new farmer was allowed to have his cattle graze on the field within 300 meters of the runway. No work was being done at the field. On 11 May, no occupation was observed at the installation. The double sentries who were previously removed along Pinow Canal were no longer there. A sentry armed with a carbine was posted in a damaged building about 200 meters from the canal. Four additional soldiers were observed in the grass nearby while five horses were grazing on the sodden strip. On 15 May, the entrance gate at the northwestern entrance to the field was occupied by two sentries who were armed with submachine guns. Five soldiers wearing black coveralls were working on two single-engine aircraft behind a hanger. On 16 May, source again observed that air force soldiers guarded grazing horses. **

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- 25X1A * Comment. Major Egoryev was previously reported as supply officer by the same source.
- 25X1A ** Comment. The air force officers dependents of the bomber regiment probably followed the regiment to Brand airfield. They were probably transferred on the nine boxcars which arrived in Brand on 2 May coming from Oranienburg. See 25X1A
- 25X1A *** Comment. Construction work which was scheduled to start at Oranienburg airfield in mid-April 1952 has not yet begun. Various reports which stated that a large airfield construction project was to start in the vicinity of Berlin in 1952 may indicate that improvement work at Oranienburg airfield will start in the near future.

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